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APPLICATION FOR PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.705

Sir:

In response to the revised Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. §  
154(b) issued with the Issue Notification of a September 12, 2006 Issue Date for the above-  
referenced patent application, Applicants respectfully request that the patent term adjustment be  
reconsidered.

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Any fee due with this paper, including those set forth in 37 CFR § 1.18(e), may be charged on Deposit Account 50-1290.

The Patent Term Adjustment of 891 days specified in the above-referenced Determination should, instead, be 938 days:

(a) a 47-day reduction of patent term adjustment was applied to the patent term adjustment determination issued with the Notice of Allowance dated April 28, 2006 for an apparent formal drawings requirement and subsequent filing of formal drawings after the issuance of the Notice of Allowance. No such requirement was issued for the application, and Applicants, accordingly, did not file any formal drawings in response. Indeed, formal drawing procedures no longer apply. And the Examiner did not object to the drawings during prosecution and did not require corrected drawings in the Notice of Allowance dated April 28, 2006.

In view of the above, a total of 47 days should be reinstated to the patent term adjustment, which should yield a total of  $891 + 47 = 938$  days of patent term adjustment. This application is not subject to any terminal disclaimers, and Applicants have not, otherwise, failed to engage in reasonable efforts to conclude processing or examination of the application.

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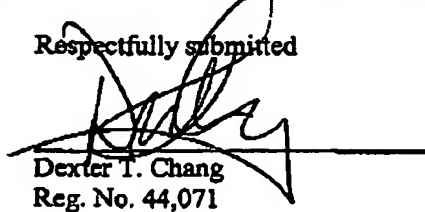
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Applicants respectfully request that this matter be resolved promptly, and that inquiries

be directed to Applicants' undersigned representative at the contact number listed below.

Respectfully submitted



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